



## POLITICAL CARTOON HOMEWORK



During the next week, please complete this brief assignment. We have been studying political cartoons of the Industrial Revolution, of the Gilded Age, and of the 2012 Presidential Election. We have discussed the power of political cartoons to express opinions and bring awareness to social concerns. For homework, please do the following:

### Draw your own political cartoon.

Draw a cartoon about one of the recent historical eras we have studied: the Industrial Revolution, the Gilded Age, or perhaps the Reconstruction Era. Choose a topic from the course material – big business, industrialization, monopolies, political corruption, the new rich, the urban poor, laissez-faire government, etc. Draw an *original* cartoon that demonstrates your opinion about this topic of history.

You may choose to focus on a social problem, such as tenement housing or child labor. Or you may choose a notable character from history, such as Rockefeller or Carnegie or Boss Tweed. You may choose among different methods of using words in the cartoon: having a caption underneath, having your characters speaking, having words appear on certain objects, or having no words at all.

A standard 8½ x 11 sheet of paper is fine to use (poster board or large paper is unnecessary). Please select blank paper that does not have lines or other markings. Think about the skills we have been building in class regarding visualization and graphic analysis. I recommend using colors in your cartoon to help with the overall visual effect.

Whatever you choose, be sure that your *opinion* comes across. Please try to make the cartoon legible. Your artistic ability is not being evaluated, but rather your effort and ideas. The focus here is on the *message*, *originality*, and the *creativity*!

**Due Date: In class, Friday, November 18**

